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Attention: *Mrs. Mulvihill*
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January 7, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Opium Production in Turkey

The President agrees with your suggestion that on his return to Turkey Ambassador Handley make a renewed effort to obtain the Prime Minister's agreement to destroy the present crop. An offer of a \$5 million grant-financed commodity import program should be of assistance.

If that course of action is not successful, I concur in your further suggestion that we seek to increase legal purchases of the 1970 crop, coupled with agreement by the Turkish Government to stop poppy production after the 1970 crop. Since operational efforts involved in the pre-emptive purchase activity cut across several agencies, I have asked Mr. John Ehrlichman if he could free Mr. Egil Krogh to supervise that aspect of efforts to eliminate Turkey as a source of illegal opium production.

Henry A. Kissinger
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